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A. T/O&E

1. See pages 4 and 7 for the organizational structure of the 44th Border Guard Otryad at Lenkoran' (N 38-45, E 48-50) and its subordinate units stationed along the USSR-Iran border.

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2. Page 4 represents the actual organizational and command structure of the 44th Border Guard Otryad as well as that of its subordinate komendaturas and zastavas

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3. Page 7 represents the actual detailed organization and strength breakdown of the 11th Border Guard Zastava

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B. WEAPONS

Individual Weapons at the 11th Border Guard Zastava

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- a. Pistols, 7.62-mm Tokarev TT - 1953 which were used as sidearms by all officers;

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- b. SMG, 7.62-mm, PPSH M1941 [] referred to as the "avtomat". [] was issued to border guard EM who had two years' service or more. For guard duty, EM were issued two drums of 71 rounds each for their SMG's. Often, however, the drums contained only 50 to 60 rounds each. 25X1
- c. Rifles, 7.62-mm, M1891/30 which were issued to some of the troops [] had less than two years' service. 25X1
- d. Carbines, 7.62-mm, M1944, issued to some of the border guard troops who had less than two year's service. EM on patrol duty with carbines were issued 60 rounds of ammunition.
- e. Hand Grenades, RC-42, Offensive. Two of these were issued to each man on patrol duty.

Crew-Served Weapons

- a. LMG, 7.62-mm, DP, Degtyarev. At least four Degtyarev LMG's were used by the 11th Zastava. [] 25X1
- b. HMG, 7.62-mm, Maxim, M1910. There was one Maxim HMG in use at the 11th Zastava [] and there were possibly others in storage [] 25X1

Weapons at the 44th Border Guard Otryad and at the 2d Komendatura

5. [] with regard to individual and crew-served weapons used at the 44th Border Guard Otryad in Lenkoran' and at the 2d Komendatura, [] the following additional items of information [] in Lenkoran' and at the komendatura: 25X1
- a. [] border guard officers of the 44th Border Guard Otryad in Lenkoran' used as sidearms either the Tokarev pistol or the Revolver, 7.62-mm, Nagant, M1895. 25X1
- b. At the 2d Komendatura, border guard troops with less than two years' service were issued carbines M1944. No rifles were issued at the 2d Komendatura. Sergeants and EM with more than two years of service were issued SMG's.
- c. There was a mortar [] which was always kept covered in the Service Zastava, 2d Komendatura [] 25X1
- d. [] saw Soviet infantry troops with PPSH M1943 SMG's. [] 25X1

Signal Equipment

6. [] the 11th Zastava used a "NIL" telephone which was the abbreviation for Nautchno-Isledovatel'skiye Laboratorii (Scientific Research Laboratories) which consisted of a square box, about 33 x 33 cm. The receiver, which resembled a common telephone receiver, hung from one side. On the front of the box were four buttons and under each button there was a small window. The entire apparatus resembled the old-type apartment telephone used to call house servants. 25X1

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One of the buttons of the box was connected to a wire which ran to the zastava headquarters. The second button was connected to a wire which ran to the right or western flank of the zastava. The third was connected to an observation point and the fourth to a look-out point on top of a nearby hill. To call a point, one had to press the proper button. Incoming calls were announced by a ticking sound and the appearance of a piece of cardboard or paper in one of the windows. [redacted] it was also possible to reach either of the adjacent zastavas with this telephone by plugging in another connecting wire [redacted]

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Other field phones were used for inter-zastava communication. [redacted]

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Chemical Equipment

7. The 11th Zastava had an unknown number of Shlem-1 gas masks in its supply room [redacted]

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Other Weapons and Equipment

8. In addition to individual weapons, patrols [redacted] were also issued a portable phone receiver [redacted], handcuffs, and a trench knife, called a "Finnish knife". For nighttime duty, the zastava was also issued ten flares, a flare pistol [redacted], one flashlight, and one medical kit which contained only cotton and bandages.

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C. TRANSPORT

9. [redacted] 25X1

The transport [redacted] consisted of two four-wheeled carts and three or four horses which were used for plowing, hauling, and pack-bearing. In his zastava there were also seven to nine horses, five mules and an unknown number of carts. [redacted] the 44 Border Guard Otryad had about 25 to 30 horses in its stables. The Komendatura had about 7 to 9 horses and five mules.

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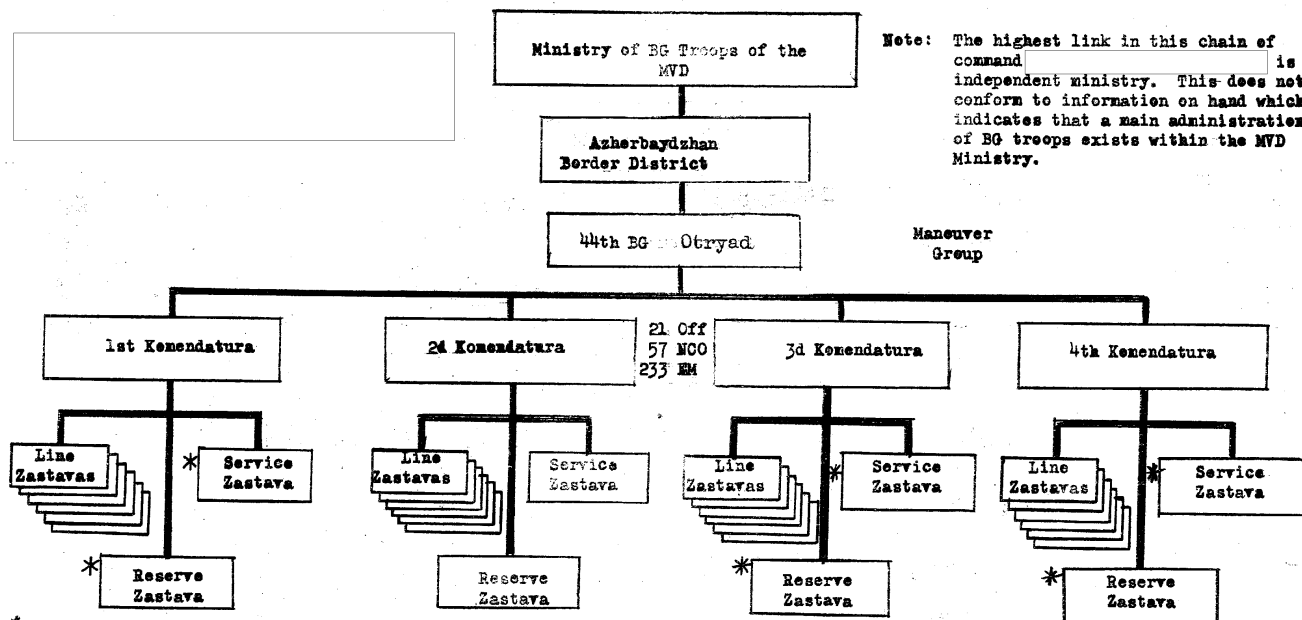
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Organization and Chain of Command Structure of the 44th BG Otryad and of subordinate units



*presumably each komendatura in the 44th BG Otryad had a reserve and a service zastava.

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Legend to
Organization and Chain of Command Structure of the 44th BG Otryad
and of Subordinate Units (page 4)

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1. 44th Border Guard Otryad

The CO was a colonel and the C/S was a lieutenant colonel. [redacted]
 [redacted] the 44th Border Guard Otryad hospital-dispensary, which contained approximately 50 beds, was commanded by a major who was a doctor. The otryad had a fire prevention squad. [redacted]

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[redacted] This unit was the maneuver group (see #3 below).

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2. 2d Komendatura

The CO was a lieutenant colonel who was also commandant of the border sector guarded by the komendatura. The C/S was a captain or a major whose duties were to supervise the zastavas and give political training to komendatura personnel; there was no political officer at komendatura-level. Komendatura Hq. personnel and personnel of the reserve and service zastavas included six officers, about seven sergeants, and 33 EM. There was no identifying insignia worn by privates first class which distinguished them from privates. Other officers were:

CO of the reserve zastava - a lieutenant or senior lieutenant
 CO of the service zastava - a lieutenant
 Medical officer or feldsher - a senior lieutenant
 Officer for combat training (ofitser po boevoy chastl) - a lieutenant.

3. Manuever Group (Maneovrennaya Gruppa)

The group was a large unit stationed in Lenkoran' which was sent out to reinforce border units in the event of more serious border incidents;

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4. Reserve Zastava

This unit had no numerical designation and its organization was flexible. It was organized into two sections each of which was headed by a sergeant. There was an average of twenty men in the zastava. Theoretically, this zastava remained at the disposal of the komendatura and was sent to the border in case of need or an emergency; however, in actual practice, it was nothing more than a pool of replacements for the various line zastavas. [redacted]

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5. Service (Boevaya Obespechnay) Zastava

This unit consisted of one or two sergeants and not more than 15 EM. It furnished personnel to act as cooks, perform guard duty, and general housekeeping duties, as well as providing men to take care of the horses and the small amount of livestock which was kept for food.

6. Radio Station

There was a radio station at the komendatura manned by a sergeant.

7. Guardhouse

The komendatura had a guardhouse for its own EM and the EM of subordinate zastavas.

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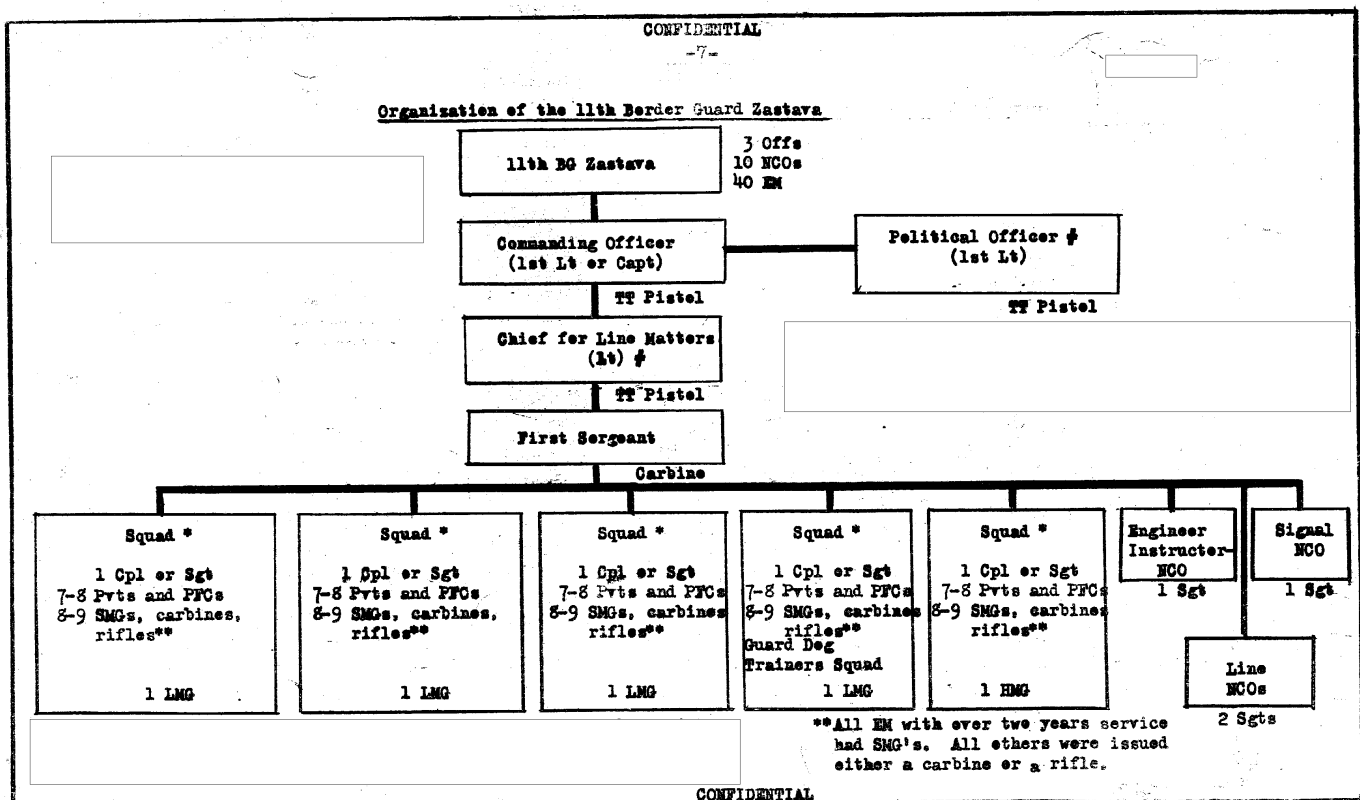
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B. Veterinary Station

[] six to seven dogs at the 2d Komendatura. Some of these dogs were used as guard dogs but most were sick dogs sent to the station by subordinate zastavas for treatment by a sergeant who, [] was not a trained veterinarian.

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Legend toOrganization of the 11th Border Guard Zastava as Known to Source

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1. Political Officer (Nachal'nik po Politchasty)

This officer was responsible only for the political education of the zastava personnel.

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2. Chief for Line Matters (Po Boyevoy Chasti)

This officer was responsible for all matters other than political education.

3. First Sergeant

The first sergeant, a regular sergeant in a first sergeant's slot, was responsible for all supply matters which included clothing, food, weapons, and ammunition

4. Engineer Instructor NCO

This sergeant was responsible for all mechanical border guarding devices, fences, and obstacles.

5. Signal NCO

This was a communications sergeant who operated the zastava radio.

6. Line NCO's

Two extra sergeants who performed general supervisory duties. One also doubled as a supply sergeant (kaptenarmus).

7. EM (excluding NCO's)

- 4 - manned LMG's
 - 1 - manned HMG
 - 7 - dog handlers
 - 2 - cooks
 - 1 - radio operator
 - 2 - horse grooms who also went out for supplies and provisions.
 - 2 - CQ's (a 24-hour detail)
 - 2 - Assigned to the KLON electric border-guarding fence
 - 19 - Miscellaneous details and patrols
 - 40 - Total
- (This does not preclude secondary duties which they performed.)

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